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ANGEL, ISN'T IT WONDERFUL TO HAVE AN ENTIRE AFTERNOON TO DO NOTHING EXCEPT WANDER OUT TO VISIT OUR LITTLE WOODLAND FRIENDS?

GOSH, I HOPE THEY'RE HAPPY TO SEE US. I DIDN'T WARN THEM AND GIVE THEM TIME TO DO ANY NESTCLEANING OR TO SHOVE DISCARDED SHELLS INTO THEIR TINY TREE CLOSETS!

OH!

ANGEL, LOOK!

EXTREME ART CONTEST!

Princess Celestia invites her subjects to display their works of outrageous creativity

Medals to be awarded!

SWOOP

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CHOMP!

DO YOU THINK ANYPONY SAW ME, ANGEL?

WHAM

WHAM

WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THEY CAN'T SEE A THING!

CLACK CLACK

CLACK

CLACK

SQUEEK SQUEEK

OR HEAR ANY HINT OF WHAT I'M UP TO IN HERE!

CHOOO!

I WOULD BE SO MORTIFIED IF ANYPONY KNEW WHAT I'VE BEEN HIDING DOWNSTAIRS IN MY SECRET ROOM...

...OR EVEN THAT I HAVE A SECRET ROOM!

READY, ANGEL?

CLICK

CREEEEEK

JUST IMAGINE IF THEY KNEW THE TRUTH...

...WHAT I DO HERE IN MY...

CHAMBER OF EXTREME KNITTING!

I'VE ALSO CONSIDERED CALLING IT...

THE PALACE of FRIENDLY PONY GROTESQUERIES!

...BUT I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE A BIT TOO MUCH.

HERE IN MY STUDIO I'VE TURNED A SIMPLE CRAFT INTO A RADICAL ART AND CREATED *OBJECTS D'ART* THAT SCARE EVEN ***ME***—

—EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ALL MADE BY MY ***OWN*** HOOVES!

ART SOMETIMES TAKES CONTROL OF YOU, ANGEL! HERE I'M TRYING TO SHOW WHAT I THINK AND FEEL ON THE VERY INSIDE...

???

...BUT IT ALSO HAS ITS PRACTICAL SIDE!

LOOK! CHICKEN COZY CUPS—BOTH ARTFUL AND PRACTICAL. THIS'LL KEEP THEIR LITTLE EGGS TOASTY WARM!

OH, ANGEL, I WANT SO BADLY TO ENTER PRINCESS CELESTIA'S ART CONTEST...

BUT I'M AFRAID OF EVERYPONY'S REACTION TO MY ART.

THAT'S WHY I'VE ALWAYS KEPT MY CREATIONS HIDDEN AWAY DOWN HERE.

WHAT IF...

WHAT IF...

WHAT IF...

WHAT IF...

WHAT IF THEY HATE IT?

...

YOU'RE RIGHT, ANGEL! SO WHAT?

I'LL DO IT!

UM... IN DISGUISE.

PRINCESS CELESTIA'S EXTREME ART CONTEST

HERE'S A SPOT, ANGEL.

HELP SETTING UP, MA'AM?

NONOTHAT'SFINE... I DON'T NEED ANY HELP.

S'WHAT WE'RE PAID FOR, MA'AM.

NO PROBLEM A'TALL.

NONOTHAT'S FINE!

DON'T LOOK AT IT!

I MEAN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR OFFER OF ASSISTANCE, BUT IT'S VERY DELICATE.

VERY.

DELICATE.

THAT'S RIGHT! WALK AWAY!

UNNGH!

LOOK AT ALL THE AMAZING PIECES! MY LITTLE SCULPTURE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE BROUGHT IT.

YOU'RE RIGHT, ANGEL.

I'LL NEVER KNOW IT UNLESS I SHOW IT.

WOOSH!

I HOPE PRINCESS CELESTIA WILL APPRECIATE THE SYMBOLISM INHERENT IN THE CHAOTIC JUXTAPOSITION OF MY CUTIE MARK MELDED INTO A TRANSFORMATIVE SPIRAL REPRESENTING THE PROCESS OF PERSONAL MATURATION AS EXPERIENCED BY AN INTROVERTED ARTISAN!

???

I MEAN THAT I HOPE SHE LIKES MY ART, BECAUSE IT'S ALL ABOUT ME LEARNING TO BE BRAVE.

SNIF!

SOME PONIES JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND ART!

OHMIGOSH, ANGEL, THAT'S ***PRAISER PAN***, THE INFAMOUS AND SAVAGELY CRUEL MODERN PONY ART CRITIC, AND HE'S ***COMING THIS WAY!***

SNIF!

SOME PONIES THINK THAT A POT OF GLUE AND A PILE OF JUNK MAKES FOR ART!

CLEAN YOUR BARNYARD WITHOUT INFLICTING THE ***REMAINS*** ON US, WILL YOU?

SOME PONIES THINK THAT BEING ABLE TO SWAT PAINT ACROSS A CANVAS MAKES THEM AN ARTIST!

I HEAR THE SICKLY GRINDING OF ***PINTO-PICASSO*** TURNING IN HIS GRAVE!

SOME ***OTHER*** PONIES THINK THAT WE ADORE SEEING THEIR TRITE LITTLE ***COLLECTIONS*** ON DISPLAY!

THEY CONFUSE "ART" WITH "HOARDING."

SNIF!

YES, ***SOME*** PONIES!

OHNOHNO...

OHMIGOSH, ANGEL, THEY'RE STOPPING!

THEY'RE *LOOKING* AT IT!

LOOKING!

NOW HERE'S A RAW SPECIMEN...

...RAW AS IN *UNCOOKED.*

OH, NO! I'M NOT READY FOR THIS!

THIS ISN'T ART, THIS IS CR—

AHHH!

CRAFT!

BUT DON'T YOU THINK, ISN'T IT POSSIBLE, THAT THE ARTIST COULD HAVE CHOSEN HUMBLE MATERIALS TO SHOW A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SIMPLE STUFF WE'RE MADE OF AND HOW CHANGING INTO ADULTS IS COMPLICATED?

EXCUSE ME?

AND WHAT CREDENTIALS DO YOU HAVE THAT ALLOW YOU SUCH A LEARNED EVALUATION?

WHERE DID YOU STUDY?

ARE YOU A CONTEMPORARY OF THE ARTIST?

UM... NONE.

UM... I MEAN... NEVER MIND.

THERE IS SOMETHING INTRIGUING ABOUT IT, THOUGH.

I WONDER WHO THE ARTIST IS?

I MEANT NOTHING BY IT. PAY NO ATTENTION. MOVE ALONG.

PLEASE?

THERE'S REALLY NOTHING TO SEE HERE. MOVE ALONG.

WHAT?

I CAN HANDLE THIS.

I'M FINE AS LONG AS NOPONY KNOWS IT'S ME.

THAT VOICE...?

IT COULDN'T BE...

BUTTERFLIES?

NO! IT ABSOLUTELY CANNOT BE, BUT MY COUTURE SIZING SENSE IS NEVER OFF!

FLUTTERSHY?

NONONONONO, IT'S NOT ME, NO.

FLUTTERSHY! IT *IS* YOU!

WHY ARE YOU HIDING UNDER THAT DREADFUL SHROUD?

YOU CANNOT WEAR THAT IN PUBLIC. I SIMPLY WILL NOT ALLOW IT!

BUT...

...BUT I DIDN'T WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT I WAS THE ARTIST...!

YOU?!

THIS EXTREME PIECE CAME FROM SOMEONE AS... INCONSEQUENTIAL...

...AS YOU?!

UNINTERESTING!

DULL!

UNFASHIONABLE!

OH, IGNORE THEM! I TOO KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO SUFFER THE STINGS OF AN UNGRATEFUL AUDIENCE.

BUT YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF YOUR CREATION!

PROUD!

OH, THIS IS WORSE THAN MY WORST NIGHTMARE!

HARDLY FIT FOR COMPETITION!
TRAGIC WASTE OF MATERIALS!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING SO TRIVIAL!
AMATEUR WORK!
SOME PONIES SHOULDN'T CREATE!
PLAYGROUND WORTHY, AT BEST.
I'D BE SO EMBARRASSED IF I MADE THAT!
IT'S VERY... ENERGETIC.
NICE!
DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU THINK OF SPRING?
I HAD A DREAM LIKE THAT ONCE...
THE ARTIST IS AN EXPERT CRAFTSPONY.
CRAFT!
VER... UM...

THEY'RE ALL RIGHT... IT'S TERRIBLE!

I'M SORRY, I'M NO GOOD. I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU. I'LL NEVER MAKE ART AGAIN. YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M WORTHLESS.

WORTHLESS!

I'M WORTHLESS AND MY WORK IS AWFUL...

...AND IT MUST BE DESTROYED!

DESTROYED!

DESTROYED?

NO.

NO, I'M NOT GOING TO RUIN IT.

I MADE IT, AND I *LIKE* IT!

AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY.

HOW DELIGHTFULLY ORIGINAL!

PRINCESS CELESTIA!

GREETINGS, FLUTTERSHY! I LOVE WHAT YOU'VE CREATED!

YOU *DO*?

OH, RIGHT. I... UH... WAS DISTRACTED BEFORE.

I FAILED TO NOTICE THE SUBTLE METAPHORS INDICATED BY THE SWARMING TEXTILE ELEMENTS. ASTONISHING DEPTH!

SUBTLE.

ASTONISHING.

THEY'RE SAYING NICE THINGS!

THEY LIKE IT!

OF COURSE THEY DO—PRINCESS CELESTIA LIKES IT!

WELL, NOT EVERYPONY, BUT SOMEPONIES LIKE IT!

THERE ARE ALWAYS CRITICS, MY DEAR.

MEH.

A TRUE ARTIST MUST JUST CARRY ON!

BUTTERFLIES! I RECOGNIZE *THAT* SIGNATURE!

FLUTTERSHY! FLUTTERSHY! FLUTTERSHY!

THERE'S THE BELLE OF THE BALL!

THIS IS SO WONDERFUL!

I LIKE IT!

DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD IT IN YA.

IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

CRAAAAAZY GREAT!

ISN'T IT AWESOME!

WAY TO GO, FLUTTERSHY!

I ALWAYS KNEW SHE HAD DESIGNER POTENTIAL, JUST LIKE ME!

DOES SHE WIN THE CONTEST? HUH, DOES SHE?

WHO CARES WHO WINS? I *FEEL* LIKE A WINNER!

I'D SAY YOU ***LOOK*** LIKE ONE, TOO! THE STARTLING ORIGINALITY AND DEEP EMOTIONAL RESONANCE OF YOUR WORK PUTS YOU IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE!

Y-YES!

Shudder

LATER THAT WEEK.

...AND THAT'S HOW I LEARNED THAT YOU SHOULD NEVER LET YOUR FEAR OF BEING CRITICIZED STOP YOU FROM EXPRESSING YOURSELF THROUGH ART!

ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE TERRIFIC FRIENDS TO HELP YOU DO IT!

EVEN THOUGH I SUSPECT THEY DO NOT TRULY UNDERSTAND THE ARTISTIC IMPULSE THAT DRIVES ME.

WHICH MAKES THEM EVEN *MORE* TERRIFIC!

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